



Keeping Your Community Safe

ICE is improving public safety by working to better identify, detain and ultimately remove dangerous criminal aliens from your community. Through the Secure Communities initiative, ICE is enhancing biometric technology used by local law enforcement during the booking process to quickly and accurately determine the immigration status of individuals arrested. As a result, ICE takes appropriate enforcement action against removable aliens, focusing first on those who have been charged with or convicted of the most dangerous crimes.

Secure Communities
removes
dangerous criminals
from your community.



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Report Suspicious Activity:

1-866-DHS-2-ICE

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Secure Communities

A Modernized Approach
to Identifying and Removing
Criminal Aliens



U.S. Immigration
and Customs
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Identifying and Removing Dangerous Threats to Your Community

Through a partnership between the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Department of Justice, Secure Communities enhances fingerprint-based biometric technology used by local law enforcement agencies during their booking process. This enhanced technology enables fingerprints submitted during the booking process to be checked against FBI criminal history records and DHS records, including immigration status, providing valuable information to accurately identify those in custody. This process applies to all individuals arrested and booked into custody, not just those suspected as being foreign nationals.



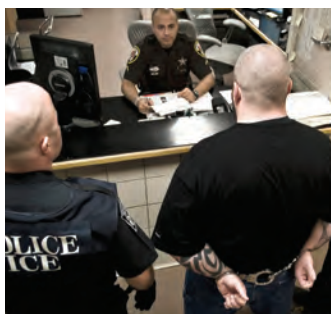
When fingerprints match DHS records, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is notified and promptly determines if enforcement action is required. Secure Communities does

not authorize local law enforcement to enforce immigration laws.

ICE prioritizes the removal of criminal aliens by focusing efforts on the most dangerous and violent offenders. This includes criminal aliens determined to be removable and charged with or convicted of crimes such as homicide, rape, robbery, kidnapping, major drug offenses, or those involving threats to national security.

Building for Long-Term Success

Secure Communities is leading ICE's efforts to transform each stage of the criminal alien enforcement process, including the early identification, detention and removal of criminal aliens within the United States. ICE is creating efficiencies through process improvements and enhanced technologies.



As a part of Secure Communities, ICE is maximizing the use of detention and removal resources through improved tracking systems and better management of bed space, transportation

and personnel in order to accommodate the increased number of criminal aliens identified. These efforts, combined with the nationwide deployment

of enhanced biometric identification technology expected by 2013, enable ICE to focus resources on assisting local communities.

Working With Your Community

The success of Secure Communities is dependent upon the dedication and support of the law enforcement community. The Secure Communities initiative brings together federal, state, tribal and local law enforcement partners to identify and remove criminal aliens, reducing the dangers they pose within our society.

Real Cases: Biometrics Uncover Criminal Aliens Around the Country

These individuals share something in common beyond their violent criminal history—all were quickly identified as criminal aliens through biometric technology and removed from the U.S. by federal authorities.



Drug Possession and Assault with a Weapon

Los Angeles, Calif.



MS-13 Gang Member

Dallas, Texas



Rape and Assault with Intent to Kill

Boston, Mass.



51 Previous Arrests and 16 Aliases

Florence, Ariz.



Illegal Possession of a Firearm and Controlled Substance

Philadelphia, Pa.

We are partnering with federal, state, tribal,
and local law enforcement in your community
to identify and remove criminal aliens
who threaten **your security.**